

Learn From Professors Who
Test Limits in Class and in Life

DR. MELISA SMITH

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Your DPT Professor: Curious World Traveler, Avid Hiker

Dr. Melisa Smith is a dual doctorate holder for physical therapy and teaching and learning. She creates learning environments where students are challenged to think critically, lead with compassion, and deliver exceptional patient care.

Originally from Puerto Rico and fluent in Spanish, Dr. Smith brings a global perspective to the classroom. She's an avid hiker and world traveler who believes curiosity and an open mind are the roots of compassionate care.

Academic Conferrals:

- Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy
- Doctor of Physical Therapy
- Doctor of Education in Teaching and Learning for Health Sciences
- Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Advanced Pediatric Physical Therapy

Ask her about her favorite hiking destination or the place that's taught her the most about seeing the world from a different perspective.

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ACCREDITATION:

Wilson College is seeking accreditation of a new physical therapist education program from CAPTE. The program is planning to submit an Application for Candidacy, which is the formal application required in the pre-accreditation stage, on November 1st, 2026. Submission of this document does not ensure that the program will be granted Candidate for Accreditation status. Achievement of Candidate for Accreditation status is required prior to implementation of the professional phase of the program; therefore, no students may be enrolled in professional courses until Candidate for Accreditation status has been achieved. Further, though achievement of Candidate for Accreditation status signifies satisfactory progress toward accreditation, it does not assure that the program will be granted accreditation.